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MEDIA ADVISORY

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NOWHERE TO HIDE! SPECTATORS AT ILLEGAL STREET RACES WILL BE ARRESTED AND PROSECUTED

PROPOSED NEW CITY ORDINANCE TO BE DISCUSSED AT TODAY'S PS&NS COMMITTEE MEETING

WHO: San Diego City Attorney Casey Gwinn; San Diego Police Chief David Bejarano;
Sgt. Greg Sloan, San Diego Police Department, Drag-net; and John and Cathy
Flores, parents of a son who was killed in a street racing crash in 1998.

WHAT: News Conference to be held by San Diego City Attorney Casey Gwinn and Police Chief David Bejarano to announce the proposed "Spectator Ordinance," which would amend the San Diego Municipal Code and make it a misdemeanor for spectators to be knowingly present at all illegal speed contests or illegal exhibitions of speed. This year, 5 deaths have occurred on city streets related to illegal street racing. The proposed ordinance will be discussed later today by the City Attorney and Police Chief at the City of San Diego's Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee at 3:15 p.m., 202 C Street, 12th floor. Other supporters of the ordinance will also be in attendance, including Peggy Martinez whose daughter was killed in a street racing crash this past August.
Note: Spectator Ordinance Committee Report sent overnight to media via fax.

WHEN: Wednesday, September 25, 11:00 a.m.

WHERE: City Attorney's Office, 1200 Third Avenue, Suite 1620, downtown San Diego

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